

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/037,757	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SCHEMBRI ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b> BJ Forman	<b>Art Unit</b> 1634

**All Participants:**

**Status of Application:** rejected

(1) BJ Forman. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Diane Rees. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 17 November 2005

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- Telephonic
- Video Conference
- Personal (Copy given to:  Applicant  Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:  Yes  No

If Yes, provide a brief description: .

### Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

1, 2, 13, 14

Prior art documents discussed:

### Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

### Part III.

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner contacted Ms Reese (via voicemail) on 17 November 2005 to propose amendments placing the claims in condition for allowance. Ms. Rees stated that proposed amendments, if sent via FAX would be considered. The proposal was sent on 18 November. The examiner requested confirmation that the FAX was received. The examiner further requested a response by the 21st. Ms. Rees responded (via voicemail) by saying the amendments are not acceptable. A copy of the FAX'd amendment is attached.



BJ FORMAN, PH.D.  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Cancel Claims 2 and 13.

Claim 1: An flexible array assembly comprising:

- (a) an elongated flexible plastic base layer;
- (b) a continuous glass layer forward of the base layer;
- (c) an arrays of biopolymers, each having a pattern of features on a front surface of the glass layer wherein said arrays are arranged along the elongated base layer; and
- (d) a layer between the base and glass layers that blocks at least 10% of an illuminating light incident on said front surface from reaching said plastic base layer; wherein said array assembly is flexible.

Claim 14: A method of fabricating a flexible array assembly of claim 1 comprising:

providing a flexible elongated plastic base layer with a continuous glass layer bound thereto at position forward of the plastic base layer and a layer between the base and glass layers that blocks at least 10% of an illuminating light incident on a front surface of said glass layer from reaching said plastic base layer; and forming along the elongated base layer an arrays of biopolymers, each having a pattern of features on a front surface of the glass layer.